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Teachers Teaching Teachers, Workshops, Wednesday February 10, 2010

The program for February's TTT is attached. Registration will begin at 3:30, and the first workshop sessions will begin at 4:00 p.m. The second sessions will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the event will end at 5:45 p.m.

We are very grateful to all our presenters for their preparation time, and for their willingness to share their expertise. The workshops will be held in the Primary School of Qatar Academy. Entrance will be through Gate 2 or Gate 5, where the driver of the car will need to leave an ID. The most convenient parking will be in the Primary School car park. The Registration area will be signposted from the tented area at the entrance to the primary school.

Membership of Qatar Reads

Annual membership of Qatar Reads is QAR 50, and entitles members to attend all three Teachers Teaching Teachers (TTT) workshop sessions. If teachers are attending the TTT for the first time, they will need to pay the registration fee.

To streamline registration at the TTT sessions, we urge schools to register their teachers using two forms – one for teachers who are already members of Qatar Reads, and one for new members. Attached are forms that can be used for this purpose. The completed forms should be emailed to qraread@gmail.com. If this is not possible, they should be handed in at the registration desk. It is important that all email addresses are clearly legible, so that future correspondence will be delivered successfully

When registering for the workshops, please note that there will be registration tables set out as follows, with clear signs:

- Tables for registration of members who paid their annual fee before the first TTT in October, and who emailed the registration form for the February TTT. The tables will have signs indicating the names of schools – please go to the appropriate table.
- Tables for registration of members who paid their annual fee before the first TTT in October, but who did not email the registration form for the February TTT.
- Tables for registration of new members from schools that emailed the registration form for the February TTT, and who need to pay the registration fee. The tables will have signs indicating the names of schools – please go to the appropriate table.
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Upcoming Events

Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing
invites you to join

*aspiringyouth
poetryslam*
Ages: 16-23

Feb. 8th
2010

QF
Recreation
Center
Atrium

In
English
& Arabic

English: 5:00 to 6:00
Arabic: 6:30 to 7:30



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To read a poem, e-mail: bqfp.events@qf.org.qa or call: 454-2431

Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing announces the first 'Aspiring Youth Poetry

Slam,' to be held on the 8th of February 2010. This is an invitation to poets between the ages of 16-23 to read their original English and Arabic poems to an enthusiastic audience. Bloomsbury would like to invite your school to share news of the poetry event with your students and encourage them to participate by signing up to read their poetry.

Aspiring Youth Poetry Slam

Monday, February 8, 2010 English
Poetry: 5:00 to 6:00 Arabic Poetry:
6:30 to 7:30

Qatar Foundation Recreation Center AaQool Atrium

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Dubai Festival of Literature 2010

Wed 10th to Sat 13th March 2010, Intercontinental Hotel, Dubai Festival City

<http://www.eaifl.com/>

Main Programme

More than 80 authors will be taking part in the main festival programme. Across 65 events, they will be discussing their work, debating the issues and occasionally treating us to a demonstration of their craft. As well as talks on the arts of prose, poetry and illustration, the 2010 Emirates Airline Festival of Literature will see everything from musical performance to live cooking classes.

Bigger and better than the 2009 festival, the programme running from March 10th to 13th at Dubai Festival City will feature a truly international cast of authors coming from across Africa, America, Asia and Europe to join with a strong core of Arabic writers. In the spirit of cultural exchange, the live simultaneous translation that was such a success in 2009 will return, to allow all festival-goers the opportunity to appreciate all events.

Among the fiction authors confirmed to be joining us in March are Martin Amis, Mark Billingham, Chris Cleave, Isabel Fonseca, James Meek, Alexander McCall Smith, Jeffrey Deaver, RJ Ellory, Vikas Swarup and Yann Martel. Non-Fiction writers attending include Tim Butcher, Robert Greene, William Dalrymple and Margaret Macmillan. The full list of authors is in our Authors section.

Writers from across the Arab world, such as Bahaa Taher, Youssef Ziedan, Leila Abouleila, Raja Shehadeh and Fadil Al Azzawi, will be joining their Emirati counterparts including Maryam Al Saedi, Sara Al Jarawan, Maha Gargash and Nujoom Al Ghanem.

Writers and illustrators of children's and young adult fiction will be attending in force, with appearances by Jacqueline Wilson, Garth Nix, Darren Shan, Michelle Paver, Korky Paul and Tony Ross confirmed so far. You can find more details in our [Children's Authors](#) section.

Points of Interest

➤ Do you know which country is number one in children's literacy worldwide?

Finland. In a 2003 international survey of 32 countries, Finnish schools came in first. Finland? That's right. Finland, where children don't even start school until they're 7. And what's their secret for success? Lots of testing? Phonics drills? Plenty of worksheets? Nope.

"Experts cite several reasons: reading to children, telling folk tales and going to the library are activities cherished in Finland. Lastly, children grow up watching television shows and movies (many in English) with subtitles. So they read while they watch TV."

<http://readkiddoread.ning.com/profile/JudyFreeman>

➤ Useful Literacy links:

http://www.primaryschool.com.au/english_lessonsresults.php?subject=Reading&strand=Reading%20Interactives&grade=12

➤ **Spelling:**

Wordworks: This is a very satisfying way of looking at spelling – not a spelling system, but a study of how the English language is organized and how English spelling is logical, and makes sense!

<http://vocablog-plc.blogspot.com/>
www.wordworkskingston.com

Thrass:

THRASS uses a phonographic method to teach literacy skills. It teaches the 44 sounds or phonemes of English. It also teaches the ways in which these phonemes are represented by looking at the different spelling choices or graphemes.

<http://www.thrass.co.uk/keyfacts.htm>

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